

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**M A N A G E R S**

OF THE

**PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION**

FOR THE

**INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.**

Presented to the Corporators

At their Annual Meeting, March 1, 1847.



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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORPORATORS

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1847.

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At the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Corporators of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, held at the Institution on Monday, March 1, 1847, at 4 P. M,—

RICHARD PETERS, Esq. was called to the Chair; and

ISAAC ELLIOTT, appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Managers was then presented by Dr. R. M. Patterson, and on motion accepted, and referred to the next Board of Managers to be printed.

On motion of Richard Price, Esq. it was resolved, that in future the *Names* of Mortgagors to this Institution, be omitted in the publication of Reports.

The following resolution, offered by Jacob Snider, Jr., Esq. was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Managers be requested to have appropriate inscriptions affixed to the portraits of William Young Birch, the benefactor, and of Julius R. Freidlander, the first Principal, of this Institution, and distinguished teacher of the blind in this country.

On motion of Jacob G. Morris, Esq. the meeting proceeded to the election of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year: Jacob G. Morris and Theodore Cuyler, Esq's were appointed tellers.

The tellers announced the names of the following gentlemen as having been elected, viz.

*President.*

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS.

*Vice-Presidents.*

R. M. PATTERSON,  
SAMUEL BRECK.

JOHN U. FRALEY,  
JOHN K. KANE.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

J. FRANCIS FISHER.

*Recording Secretary.*

THEODORE CUYLER.

*Treasurer.*

GEORGE W. EDELMAN.

*Consulting Physician.*

CHARLES D. MEIGS, M.D.

*Managers.*

A. G. WATERMAN,

FRANKLIN PEALE,

EDWARD KING,

FREDERICK FRALEY,

THOS. S. KIRKBRIDE,

JACOB G. MORRIS,

JOHN C. CRESSON,

ROBLEY DUNGLISON,

WM. H. DILLINGHAM,

ALFRED L. ELWYN,

CASPAR MORRIS, M.D.

A. V. PARSONS,

EVANS ROGERS,

ANDREW M. JONES.

On motion adjourned.

RICHARD PETERS, *Chairman.*

Attest,

ISAAC ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*

## COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR.

*Appointed by the Board of Managers.*

## FINANCE.

Samuel Breck,                      John K. Kane,  
Frederick Fraley.

## ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.

Franklin Peale,                      John U. Fraley,  
A. V. Parsons.

## INSTRUCTION.

Robert M. Patterson,              Robley Dunglison,  
J. Francis Fisher,                  John C. Cresson,  
Alfred L. Elwyn.

## HOUSEHOLD.

Albert G. Waterman,              Jacob G. Morris,  
Thomas S. Kirkbride,              William H. Dillingham,  
Edward King.

## FEMALE VISITERS.

Mrs. B. W. Richards,              Mrs. J. K. Kane,  
Mrs. C. D. Meigs,                  Mrs. A. G. Waterman,  
Mrs. R. M. Patterson,              Mrs. S. Breck.

## OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

*Principal.*

JOHN A. VAUGHAN.

*Assistant Teachers.*

THOS. S. MARTIN.                  MISS ANN MARIA SARGENT.

*Assisting.*

HANNAH GILLEM (Blind).          MATILDA HANKINS (Blind).

*Teacher of Music.*

FREDERICK RASCHE.

*Assisting.*

SARAH ANN DANDY (Blind).

*Master of Handicraft.*

C. H. MEYER.

*Assisting.*

SAMUEL M'GIFFIN (Blind).

*Mistress of Handicraft.*

MRS. LEAH ANN SHARPLESS.

*Matron.*

MRS. ELIZA WHITE.

*Printer and Storekeeper.*

MICHAEL SNIDER.

*Visiting Physicians.*

A. E. STOCKER,

WM. B. PAGE.

## FOURTEENTH

# ANNUAL REPORT.

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THE Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, respectfully present to the Corporators the Annual Report required by the charter; and they have not hesitated to introduce into it a large part of a communication made to them by the Principal, the Rev. Dr. JOHN A. VAUGHAN, on the condition, progress, and prospects of the Institution.

*Pupils.* The number of pupils at the present time is seventy-two, of whom a list is presented in the Appendix. Eight have left the Institution during the year, viz.—John Jones, Henry Boyer, Henry D. Smith, Anderson Hoffman, Hugh M'Cleane, Hugh Coyle, Elizabeth Adolph, and Mary Wheaton. Eight others have been received, viz.—Emma Erskine, Catherine Pfahler, Rachel L. Lawrence, Augustus Brownlee, James Brennan, Hervey H. Colburn, Peter Besant, and Joseph W. Minich. Of those admitted, six are from Pennsylvania, one from Maryland, and one from New Jersey.

Henry Boyer has been long in feeble health, and left the Institution in consequence, having, however, completed his course. Henry D. Smith is now nearly supporting himself by brush making, and Hugh M'Cleane is industriously employed in the same work, and in carpet weaving. Both are married, and resident in this city. Hugh Coyle is engaged in teaching music at Lancaster. Elizabeth Adolph has been engaged as a teacher in a private family in Chester County, for the past nine months, on salary, and gives satisfaction. Anderson Hoffman and Mary

Wheaton went away before the expiration of their terms, and are at home with their friends.

*Health.* "Through a gracious Providence, the pupils have passed another year free from all severe disease, not an instance of serious illness having occurred." It would be unjust, in connexion with this subject, to omit a notice of the excellent management of the Matron, Mrs. ELIZA WHITE, and of the skill and attention of the Physicians, Drs. STOCKER and PAGE.

*Conduct.* The Principal, in his communication to the Board, says, that "he has the pleasure of reporting the general conduct of the pupils as satisfactory in the several departments, no instance of misdemeanor calling for severe notice having taken place during the year. General order, contentment and cheerfulness, have prevailed among the pupils."

He goes on to say, that "there are now sixteen boys under fourteen years of age; that during all unpleasant weather, and in the mid-day heat of summer, the only places which they can occupy for recreation, out of school hours, are the school room and the entry. To restrain such lads from all amusements at such times, would seriously infringe upon the elasticity of youth and health, and yet the continued noise of even innocent amusement is a severe discomfort to the family, and injurious to the interior of the building, the furniture, and the books." He then suggests that "if this could be avoided by an unexpensive shed or piazza for recreation, the comfort of the family would be largely promoted, and the discipline of the younger pupils much improved."

*School Department.* The following studies have been pursued during the year:—

Algebra, two classes.	History, two classes.
Geometry, one class.	Grammar, three classes.
Arithmetic, four classes.	Paley's Nat. Theol. one class.
Geography, questions generally.	Animal mechanism, one class.
Geography, maps.	Scripture Narrative, one class.
Geography, two classes, Atlas.	Reading, several classes.
Moral Philosophy, one class.	Spelling and Definitions, do.
Natural Philosophy, one class.	Writing.
Intellectual Philosophy, do.	Declamation.



Careful daily records are kept, by the teachers, of the performances of the several pupils; and from these, weekly and monthly averages, and at the end of the year an annual average, are made and entered into the Register of Instruction. This book is now laid before the Corporators, and their attention is respectfully directed to it. The proficiency of the pupils has, in most instances, given satisfaction to their teachers.

On the 23d of December a public examination took place, when the pupils were examined in nearly all their studies. They were kept engaged about five hours, and at the close a numerous audience then present expressed the gratification felt at the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves.

On the 9th of September, two of our pupils, who had been previously admitted to the University of Pennsylvania on examination, commenced their course in the Freshman class. At the close of the first term they were examined in common with the class. The several professors bear united testimony to the satisfactory standing of these students. It may also be remarked, that the average of the marks for the term was, for Walter S. Fortescue, 13; and for David Loughery, 14; the highest average reached by any member of the class being 14.2. The highest mark is 15. The official record of the University, therefore, places one of our pupils second in his class.

Another pupil, James J. Peebles, has been pursuing for two winters a course of studies, in preparation for the ministry, in a branch of the Presbyterian church. In this he has been kindly aided by the Rev. Drs. Wylie and Crawford, whose lectures he has almost daily attended, pursuing his work in the shop during the morning hours. A very remarkable and practical knowledge of Scripture, a sound mind, and exemplary character, give reasonable assurance that the expectations of his friends will not be disappointed.

The teachers in this department are Mr. SAMUEL ARTHUR, Miss A. M. SARGENT, and Miss HANNAH GILLEM, assisted by Miss MATILDA HANKINS; the last two being former pupils. The place of principal female teacher was filled by Miss MARY ANNE MORRIS until July last, when her valuable services ceased, in consequence of her ill health; and at the opening of the session in September, her duties were assumed by Miss Sargent,

who meets the responsible charge with every prospect of the happiest results. The Board regret that they have also to report, that Mr. Arthur, who has long, faithfully, and ably filled the place of principal teacher, has signified his intention of leaving the Institution as soon as he can be relieved by a successor. They have appointed, for the situation thus about to be vacated, Mr. THOMAS S. MARTIN, who is strongly recommended by his experience as a teacher and his excellent character.

"It has been thought desirable to furnish some means of general information beyond the usual branches of school study. Cut off so largely, as the pupils are, from many avenues of such information, this subject has claimed much attention. The attainments of the pupils in their studies are often surprising, while beyond this circle they are sometimes found deficient on the most common subjects. For instance; a pupil of eleven years of age, on feeling the carved figure of a cow, pronounced it to be a goose. Another, well versed in algebra and geometry, had regarded the apparent size of the stars as greater than that of the moon." The Principal suggests that "a small annual appropriation towards a cabinet of models of various objects in nature and art, if persevered in, would soon form a nucleus for private donations, and gradually establish a most valuable source of practical instruction.

"One hour each week is now devoted to miscellaneous reading from newspapers. The course of familiar lectures before alluded to has been continued, without interruption, every fortnight through the year, affording much instruction and gratification. In this a number of gentlemen, including several of the managers, have kindly lent their aid."

*Musical Department.* "The instruction in this department has been continued by Mr. F. RASCHE, with its usual happy results. Five of the more advanced male pupils have, by their departure during the year, caused a serious loss to the instrumental part; but the rapid proficiency of the younger pupils is fast compensating for the deficiency. In the female department, Mr. Rasche has been aided by Miss SARAH ANN DANDY, one of the pupils, appointed during the year a teacher in music."

"Several concerts have been given by the pupils for the benefit of some of their number, whose terms had expired. Jonathan

Dyer, Henry Boyer, Hugh M'Clean, and Hugh Coyle, have participated in these receipts, which are found to average about twenty-five or thirty dollars for each concert."

*Work Department.* This department continues to be under the immediate charge of C. H. MEYER, assisted by Mr. Samuel M'Giffin, a former pupil, for the male, and Mrs. LEAH ANN SHARPLESS, for the female pupils; and the evidences of industry and skill are most satisfactory.

The following is a list of the articles manufactured, and their value:

Brushes,	15,865	\$2,439 47
Mattresses,	6	54 00
Carpet weaving, yards,	356½	71 30
Door Mats,	230	182 88
Willow Baskets,	182	77 93
Shoemaking,		
60 pairs of boots and shoes,	\$71 69	
72 do. repaired,	22 08	
Sundries,	1 37	
	<hr/>	95 14
Girls' Work,		
Bead Work, No. of articles,	810	222 74
Knitting, do.	98	81 74
Sewing (sheets, towels, &c.),	125	7 74
Sundries,		18 32
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		\$3,251 26

The accounts for this department present the following summary:—

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Raw material on hand, Jan. 1, 1846,	\$ 412 73
" purchased during 1846,	2,071 28
Manufactured articles on hand, Jan. 1, 1846,	1,891 58
Paid for instruction, \$750, wages, \$100,	850 00
Paid pupils for overwork,	710 12
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	\$5,935 71

CR.	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,935 71
Amount of Store sales during 1846,	\$2,340 18	
Value of manufactured articles, on hand		
January 1, 1847,	2,316 23	
Raw material, on hand January 1, 1847,	611 23	
	—————	5,267 64
Balance to debit of this department,		\$668 07

In 1843, there was a balance in favour of this department, of \$276.07; in 1844, there was a balance against it of \$230.47; in 1845, of \$175.88; and for 1846, we now report \$668.07.

The Principal remarks, that this increase is chiefly owing to the fact, that the raw material has in most instances increased in price, while sales could not be effected at a proportional advance.

The overwork, amounting to \$710.12, has been paid principally to the male pupils, who have thus been enabled to procure their own clothing almost without any charge to the Institution. Still this allowance, though it encourages industrious and provident habits, forms now too heavy a charge upon the Institution, and requires new regulations, to be made by the Board about to be elected.

The Board have had their views turned with great anxiety, upon the establishment of a Retreat for the Blind, who have finished their course of instruction. Of the importance of such an institution, evidences are constantly presented to them; and they hope that measures may soon be taken for carrying into execution a design so benevolent and so necessary.

*Finances.*—Reports from the Treasurer, the Committee of Finance, and the Committee of Audit, are now laid before the corporators, and fully set forth the financial condition of the Institution. From these statements, it appears that—

The estimated value of the real estate and other property of the Institution, exclusive of the Birch Legacy Fund, is	-	-	-	\$84,178 86
The estimated value of the Birch Fund,	-	-	-	104,030 17
The receipts of the Institution for 1846, including those from the Birch Legacy, and from sales of				

manufactured articles, but exclusive of the pay				
received for pupils,	-	-	-	5,675 56
The amount received for pupils in 1846,	-	-	-	11,263 95
The actual expenses of the Institution for 1846,	-	-	-	17,530 89

It will be observed that according to the above statement, the expenditure for the year seems to have exceeded the income. It is proper, therefore, to state, that moneys have been received from interest due, to an amount greater than this apparent deficit, which, in consequence of their having been immediately invested, do not appear, as they justly might, in the above items of income.

*Conclusion.* In the conclusion of his report to the Board, Dr. Vaughan makes the following remarks:

“It is believed that the Institution is steadily gaining ground in the public regard. Increasing confidence in its high moral influence has been expressed by many. The subject of character as well as mental attainment, has been constantly and prominently in view; and the continued improvement in health of body and mind, in energy, contentment and general character, has been a topic of frequent remark among intelligent visitors.”

“The religious welfare of the pupils has not been overlooked, while care has been taken to exclude every influence of a sectarian nature. One result has been, that in a family gathered from almost every christian name, scarcely an incident has occurred to disturb in the slightest degree, during years past, the remarkable harmony which has existed among the pupils.”

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS, *President*

THEODORE CUYLER, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

[ No. I. ]

LIST OF PUPILS IN THE INSTITUTION, FEB. 1, 1847.

### *Pupils from Pennsylvania.*

MALES.	COUNTIES.
Adair, David,	Allegheny.
Besant, Peter,	Philadelphia.
Boyd, Edward,	Do.
Brady, Terence,	Do.
Brennan, James,	Schuylkill.
Brownlee, Augustus,	Philadelphia.
Carolin, Thomas,	Do.
Clark, Mitchell B.	Do.
Clayborn, John B.	Franklin.
Dubbs, Cyrus,	Lebanon.
Fortescue, Walter S.	Philadelphia.
Frey, Henry,	Chester.
Ireland, David,	Philadelphia.
Ireland, Wm. Jas.	Do.
Karrigan, Ambrose,	Schuylkill.
Loughery, David,	Westmoreland.
Mack, Edward,	Philadelphia.
M'Closkey, James,	Schuylkill.
M'Elrevy, Richard,	Allegheny.
Minnieh, Joseph W.	Lehigh.
M'Millan, Alexander,	Juniata.
M'Millan, William,	Do.
Morton, Sylvester,	Montgomery.
Paist, Samuel H.	Bucks.
Peebles, James J.	Bedford.
Romig, Jno. J.	Lehigh.
Steiner, John L.	Columbia.
Sweeney, Patrick,	Philadelphia.
Wendell, John F.	Luzerne.
Wheaton, Robert,	Philadelphia.
Wood, David,	Allegheny—31.



## FEMALES.

Butz, Frances,  
 Cormany, Maria,  
 Erskine, Emma L.  
 Fithian, Phœbe E.  
 Foote, Maria,  
 Frisard, Fleurine,  
 Henderson, Nancy,  
 M'Culloch, Isabella,  
 Minnich, Sarah A.  
 Pfahler, Catharine,  
 Raney, Rebecca,  
 Souder, Caroline,  
 Starret, Mary A.  
 Twining, Louisa K.

## COUNTIES.

Philadelphia.  
 Lebanon.  
 Philadelphia.  
 Do.  
 Do.  
 Do.  
 Indiana.  
 Philadelphia.  
 Lehigh.  
 Juniata.  
 Philadelphia.  
 Perry.  
 Philadelphia.  
 Montgomery—14.

*From Maryland.*

## MALES.

Colburn, H. Hobart,  
 Magruder, James E. S.

## FEMALES.

Basford, Margaret C.  
 Hoke, Fanny—4.

*From New Jersey.*

Cruser, Catharine,  
 Cruser, Matilda,

Hildreth, Hannah,  
 Lawrence, Rachel L.

Cruser, Sarah—5.

*From Delaware.*

Eaton, Sarah A.—1.

*From China.*

Gutzlaff, Fanny—1.

*Resident Pupils (Time expired).*

M'Giffin, Samuel,  
 Pyle, Samuel,  
 Dandy, Sarah A.  
 Donnelly, Mary,  
 Fennimore, Eliz. A.  
 Fithian, Anne,  
 Gillem, Hannah,  
 Gill, Maria,

Hankins, Matilda,  
 Jones, Maria,  
 Lynch, Sarah,  
 Laird, Rachel,  
 Mallett, Mary Ann,  
 Marsh, Sarah,  
 Roberts, Mary V.  
 Westby, Emma—16.

DR.

Geo. W. Edelman, Treasurer of "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind."

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1846.		1846.	
January 1.	To Cash in Bank of North America this day, -	\$4,623 14	Dec. 31. By Cash paid sundry orders drawn by the Board of Managers, and chargeable as follows:—
" 5.	Do. rec'd from C. H. Meyer, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	25 00	For the use of the Committee of Instruction, - - - - - \$8,036 91
" 15.	Do. rec'd from Union Mutual Insurance Company, for 1 year's interest on stock and scrip, - - - - -	37 20	For the use of the Household Committee, 9,493 98
" 21.	Do. rec'd from — for 6 months' ground rent, - - - - -	56 25	By Cash paid for trees furnished and planted in the grounds belonging to the Institution, - - -
" "	Do. rec'd from County Treasurer, for 6 mo's interest on County 5's, - - - \$30 00		
	Less State tax deducted by the County, - - - - - 1 80		\$17,530 89
" "	Do. rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on mortgage, - - - - -	28 20	94 49
" 24.	Do. rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on —'s mortgage, - - - - -	72 00	
" 30.	Do. rec'd from Insurance Company of North America, for 6 months' dividend, - - -	150 00	
" 31.	Do. rec'd from F. Rasche, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	25	
Feb'y 6.	Do. rec'd from Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, for 9 months' interest on mortgage loan, - - - - -	30 00	
" 9.	Do. rec'd from Bank of Pennsylvania, for 6 months' interest on State 5's, \$75 00	153 06	
	Less discount on "relief issues," and State tax, - - - - - 4 68	70 32	



Feb'y 14.	Do.	rec'd from George Rundle, proceeds of \$7,348.70 Lehigh Interest, sold by him,	2,753 49	By Cash paid the Treasurer of the Institution, for six months' salary to the 1st July, 1846,	125 00
" 25.	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 6 months' interest on mortgage, ———	375 00	By Cash paid for professional services rendered the Institution, ———	50 00
" "	Do.	rec'd from ——— on account of the principal of a bond and mortgage, ———	5,000 00		
March 2.	Do.	rec'd from George Rundle, proceeds of \$3000, State 5's, sold by him, ———	2,141 25		
" 4.	Do.	rec'd from George Rundle, proceeds of \$388.77, State Scrip, sold by him, ———	268 25		
" 14.	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 12 days' interest on mortgage, ———	20 00		
" 28.	Do.	rec'd from George Rundle, proceeds of \$1200, County 5's, sold by him, ———	1,116 00		
April 3.	Do.	rec'd from C. H. Meyer, for 1 quarter's rent, ———	25 00		
" 17.	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 6 months' interest on four bonds, ———	313 27		
" "	Do.	rec'd from Franklin Institute, for 6 mo's interest on loan, ———	12 50		
" 22.	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 6 months' interest on mortgage, ———	45 00		
May 4.	Do.	rec'd from F. Rasche, for 1 quarter's rent, ———	30 00		
" "	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 6 months' interest on ———'s mortgage, ———	22 50		
" 15.	Do.	rec'd from ——— for 6 months' interest on ———'s mortgage, ———	64 03		
" 19.	Do.	rec'd from Chesnut Hill and S'g House Turnpike Company, for 6 months' dividend, ———	84 00		
" "	Do.	rec'd from Cheltenham and W. Grove Turnpike Company, for 6 months' dividend, ———	72 00		
			\$12,342 29	Amount carried forward,	\$17,800 38

1846.		<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	
June	2.	Do.	rec'd from Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company, for 6 months' dividend, - - - - -	\$12,342 29	1846. Dec. 31. By Cash paid discount on \$9000, received in "relief issues" from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and converted into bankable funds, - - - - -
July	7.	Do.	rec'd from C. H. Meyer, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	5 00	By Cash paid discount on Maryland funds, - - -
"	10.	Do.	rec'd from F. Rasche, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	25 00	
"	13.	Do.	rec'd from — for 6 months' ground rent, - - - - -	30 00	
"	22.	Do.	rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on mortgage, - - - - -	56 25	
August	6.	Do.	rec'd from — on account of 6 months' interest on —'s mortgage, - - - - -	72 00	
"	22.	Do.	rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on mortgage, - - - - -	130 00	
"	24.	Do.	rec'd from Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company, for 12 months' dividend, - - - - -	300 00	
"	"	Do.	rec'd from Insurance Company of North America, for 6 months' dividend, - - - - -	81 00	
"	26.	Do.	rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on mortgage, - - - - -	25	
Sept.	5.	Do.	rec'd from — in full of a bond and mortgage, - - - - -	300 00	
Oct.	2.	Do.	rec'd from C. H. Meyer, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	10,000 00	
"	7.	Do.	rec'd from — for 1 months' interest on mortgage, - - - - -	25 00	
"	10.	Do.	rec'd from F. Rasche, for 1 quarter's rent, - - - - -	22 50	
"	13.	Do.	rec'd from — for 6 months' interest on four bonds, - - - - -	30 00	
				354 27	

\$17,800 38

112 50

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1846. Dec. 31.	Do.	<i>Amount brought forward,</i> rec'd from Jacob Hoke, for board and tuition of his daughter Fanny, rec'd for board and tuition of the pupils of the Institution supported by the fol- lowing States:— The State of Pennsylvania, to Oct. 1, 1846, on acct. \$9,000 00 The State of New Jersey, to Oct. 1, 1846, in full, 1,161 11 The State of Maryland, to Oct. 1, 1846, in full, 661 61 The State of Delaware, to July 1, 1846, in full, 200 00	\$31,625 92	1847. Jan. 4.	<i>Amount brought forward,</i> By balance in the Bank of North America this day, to the credit of the Institution, - - -  <i>Note.</i> —Of this balance, \$4,078.17 belong to the General Income Fund, and \$856.89 belong to the Birch Legacy.	\$37,913 58 4,935 06
			11,022 72			\$42,848 64
			\$42,848 64			

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Treasurer's Office, January 4th, 1847.

GEO. W. EDELMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee of Finance have examined the foregoing account, and compared the same with the vouchers produced in support thereof, and find the same correct: balance in the Bank of North America, four thousand nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and six cents, \$4,935 06, January 4th, 1847.

SAMUEL BRECK, Ch'n, } *Committee of Finance.*  
F. FRALEY,

Examined and found correct, Feb. 20th, 1847.

B. W. RICHARDS,  
EDWARD KING,  
THEO. CUYLER, } *Committee of Audit and Inspection.*

[ No. III. ]

## INCOME FROM THE BIRCH LEGACY,

FOR THE YEAR 1846.

Twelve months' interest on Union Mutual Insurance Company's stock and scrip, - - - -	\$37 20
Twelve months' interest on Insurance Company of North America's stock, - - - -	50
Twelve months' dividend on the following companies' stock:	
Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company, - - - -	\$ 9 00
Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company, - - - -	144 00
Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Company, - - - -	147 00
Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company, - - - -	81 00
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	381 00
Twelve months' interest on Franklin Institute loan,	25 00
Nine months' interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's mortgage loan, - - - -	153 06
Six months' interest on State 5's, - - - -	\$75 00
Less discount on "relief issues," and State tax, 4 68	
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	70 32
Six months' interest on Philadelphia Co. 5's, - - - -	\$30 00
Less State tax, - - - -	1 80
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	28 20
Twelve months' ground rent, - - - -	112 50
Interest on sundry bonds and mortgages, - - - -	2,433 07
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	\$3,240 85
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*Philadelphia, January 4th, 1847.*

GEO. W. EDELMAN,  
*Treasurer.*

## [ No. IV. ]

The Committee of Audit and Inspection respectfully report, that they have examined the evidences of property belonging to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, now in the custody of the Committee on Finance, and they find the same to be as follows, to wit:—

1. *Deeds and other Muniments of Title to the Real Estate occupied by the Institution at the N. W. corner of Sassafras and Schuylkill Third Street.*

Knowles Taylor and wife to the Institution.

Isaac S. Lloyd and wife to the Institution.

Policies of Insurance issued by Philadelphia Contributionship Insurance Company—

On the main building, for	12,000
„ workshop,	1,000

Policy of Insurance for \$9000, by the Pennsylvania Insurance Company, on furniture and other moveable property in the building and workshops of the Institution.

2. *Bonds.*

1. Bond for \$1000, secured by mortgage of a farm, subject to prior mortgage for \$2000.

2. Bond for \$2500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$1000.

3. Bond for \$750, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$800.

4. Bond for \$1500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$500.

5. Bond for \$6000, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

6. Bond for \$10,000, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Perpetual Insurance for \$4000.

7. Bond for \$11,809.46, secured by mortgages and by Policy of Perpetual Insurance for \$5000.

8. Bond for \$2400, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$1000.

9. Bond for \$5,500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

10. Bond for \$4,500, secured by mortgage and by Policy of Insurance thereon, for \$2000.

### 3. *Ground Rent.*

1. Ground Rent for \$112.50 per annum, secured by Policy of Insurance for \$800, on the property thereon erected.

### 4. *Stocks.*

1. Certificate No. 631, for 19 shares Union Insurance Company's Stock.

2. Certificate No. 361, for 231 shares American Fire Insurance Company's Stock.

3. Certificate No. 214, for 21 shares Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Road Company's Stock.

4. Certificate for 16 shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company's Stock.

5. Certificate No. 609, for 2 shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company's Stock.

6. Certificate No. 1494, for 5 shares of Stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.

7. Certificate No. 126, for 224 shares (\$200 each) Stock Union Canal Company, and fractional Certificate No. 126, for \$32.10 being the consolidated Stock and Loans held by the Institution in that Company.

8. Certificates No. 851 and 858, for 2 shares of stock in Centre Turnpike Company.

9. Certificates (54 in number) for 54 shares of Stock in Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company.

10. Certificate No. 47, for \$100 St. Paul's Church Stock.

Sundry Certificates of Stock in several bankrupt Insurance Companies and obsolete Associations, which the Committee believe to be worthless.

### 5. *Loans.*

1. Jno. Robinson & E. W. Whelan, for \$150, late pupils of the Institution.

2. Note of R. H. Gwinn for \$100, in Mr. Breck's possession, late a pupil of the Institution.



3. Ten Certificates of \$50 each, 5 per cent. Loan of the Franklin Institute.

4. Lehigh Mortgage Loan, Certificate No. 438, for \$3401.11, at 6 per cent.

5. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Loan, 6 per cent.—Certificate for \$24,031 69.

6. *Scrip.*

1. Certificate No. 89, for \$50, Union Insurance Company.

2. Certificate No. 89, for \$60, Union Insurance Company.

3. Certificate No. 89, for \$40, Union Insurance Company.

7. *Evidences of Title to other Real Estate of the Institution.*

1. Deed—John K. Kane and others, to the Institution, for lot S. E. corner Schuylkill Second and Summer Street.

2. Deeds—Messrs. School & Faurest, to the Institution, for Real Estate S. W. corner Schuylkill Third and Summer Street.

Policy of Insurance upon buildings erected thereon, for \$1200.

The Committee also report, that they have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending January 4, 1847, and have compared the same with the vouchers, and they find the same to be correct both in the charge and in the discharge thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. RICHARDS,

EDWARD KING,

THEO. CUYLER,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.



## [ No. V. ]

*Assets of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind,  
and an Estimate of the Value thereof, February 1, 1847.**Bonds and Mortgages.*

Various bonds and mortgages amounting to	-	-	\$45,959 46
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*Ground Rent.*

\$112.50 per annum, payable by —,	-	-	1,875 00
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*Stocks.*

54 shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turn- pike Company, at \$50,	-	-	\$ 2,700 00
231 shares American Fire Insurance Com- pany, at \$75,	-	-	17,325 00
5 shares Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, at \$30,	-	-	150 00
\$500 Franklin Institute Loan, at 80 cents,			400 00
21 shares Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike,	-	-	1,500 00
16 shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike,	-	-	1,600 00
19 shares Union Insurance Company, at \$30,	-	-	570 00
\$150 Union Insurance Company Serip, at 50 cents,	-	-	75 00
2 shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turn- pike Company,	-	-	50 00
224 shares Union Canal Stock, valued at			4,500 00
\$3,401.11 Lehigh Mortgage Loan, at 83 cents,	-	-	2,822 00
\$24,031.69 Lehigh Common Loan, at 61½ cents,	-	-	14,780 00
\$1441.92 interest on said Loan, due accord- ing to the books of the Lehigh Com- pany, at 61½ cents,	-	-	887 00
\$100 St. Paul's Church 5½ per cent. Stock,			100 00
		—————	47,459 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			<u>\$95,293 46</u>

*Amount brought forward,*      \$95,293 46

*Real Estate.*

Buildings and lots occupied by the Institution, and two dwellings on the lots of ground on Sassafras Street, Schuylkill Third Street, Summer Street, and Schuylkill Second Street,      -      -	\$76,000 00	
Household Furniture, Stock of Goods, and Materials in House and Workshop,      -	9,000 00	
Amount paid Miss Jane Dumoutet's Trustee,	2,980 51	
Cash in Bank, January 1st,      -      -	4,935 06	
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		\$188,209 03
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General Fund,	\$ 84,178 86	
Birch Estate,	104,030 17	
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SAMUEL BRECK,

Chairman of Com. of Finance.

J. K. KANE,

Secretary pro tem.

4th February, 1847.

[ No. VI. ]

The undersigned, Committee of Admission and Discharge, hereby give notice, that they will receive applications for pupils to be admitted into the Institution. The Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland, have made provisions for the education of a limited number of the indigent blind residing in their several States. Applicants for the *bounty* of either of the above named Commonwealths must conform to the requisitions and the acts of their respective Legislatures, before they can be admitted; and they are required to furnish satisfactory evidence from respectable persons in their neighbourhoods, of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good natural intellect and constitution of the pupil.

In all cases, any existing regulations of the Board of Managers, of which the applicants may receive special notice, must be complied with.

Each pupil shall, on admission, be provided by his or her parents or guardians with a change of good comfortable clothing, to be renewed when required. The name of the owner must be marked on each article of clothing.

For the better information of persons at a distance, the form of application will, if requested, be forwarded to them.

No institution can offer greater facilities for educating private pupils, and such will be received from any State. For terms, &c., make application (if by letter, post paid), to JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D.D., or to either of the undersigned, members of the "Committee of Admission and Discharge."

FRANKLIN PEALE,  
JOHN U. FRALEY,  
A. V. PARSONS.

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#### FORM OF A LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," in Philadelphia, and their successors, forever (if real estate), all that, &c. (if personal), the sum of, &c.

